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I have the honour to transmit herewith a Press Release issued by the Government of Botswana on the liberation of Kuwait and the cessation of hostilities in the Gulf.

I should be most grateful if the Press Release could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Legwaila J. M. J. LEGWAILA
Ambassador/Permanent Representative

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Annex

Press statement issued by the Department of External Affairs of Botswana on 4 March 1991 in Gaborone

The Government of Botswana welcomes the liberation of Kuwait and shares in the happiness of its people as they celebrate the restoration of their country's sovereignty and freedom.

Botswana also welcomes the outcome of the meeting of the military commanders representing the allied forces and the Iraqi forces aimed at establishing the modalities for a permanent cease-fire so that the arduous task of building a durable peace in the Gulf area can begin in earnest.

Botswana urges all parties to the Gulf conflict and the international community as a whole to renew their efforts to address the broader problems of the Middle East, including, in particular, the Palestinian problem. A comprehensive process of reconciliation among the countries and peoples of the Middle East must begin if that vital area of the world is to be rid of the cycle of violence that has wreaked so much destruction and inflicted so much pain and sorrow on its peoples over the years.